## Exploitation of cultivators by watandars

426. Sri A. R. PANCHAGAVI (Arbhavi).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that occupancy price and conversion charges for making the land partible and alienable (*i e*, full raitwar) are being recovered in respect of all lands, shown as paragana watans in the revenue records of the Bombay Karnataka Area ;

(*b*) whether the Government has tried to ascertain the extent of lands where the paragana watan grant is of the soil and not of revenue only ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that in some cases of grant of revenue, only Government had to refund the O. P. recovered from occupants in possession ;

(*d*) whether Government is aware that in case of entire villages granted as paragana watans, it was only grant of revenue ; as there were occupants even before the grant and as such occupants are owners having all rights of raitwar and need not have to pay any O. P. ;

(*e*) whether Government is aware that in several cases, the watandars have recovered O. P. from occupants and have the same credited in their own (Watandars) name and got lands regranted in their own name and have thus exploited the poor cultivators ;

(*f*) whether Government is aware that in most cases, 26 times or even 52 times the land revenue is recovered from cultivators in addition to the rent from 1956 and cultivators are thus harassed and made to come to office several times ;

(*g*) whether Government is aware that due to such harassment, occupants are not able to get development loan and derive other benefits and thus cultivation has suffered ;

(*h*) the steps Government intends to take to redress the grievances of such cultivators and bring them on par with Raitwar Occupants ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question was settled long ago when the Hereditary offices Act, 1874 came in force in Bombay State.

(*c*) Yes, in one case.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No such cases have been brought to the notice of Government.

(*f*) In those cases where O.P. was not credited and grant of land obtained within the permitted time, the land was treated as Government land and rent was recovered from 1st May 1956 up to the date of grant

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at the rates permissible under B.T. and A.L. Act, Government is not aware of any harassment.

(*g*) Does not arise in view of item (*f*) above.

(*h*) The lands vested in Government and still remaining to be granted on account of non-payment of occupancy price by below the line kabjedars before 26th January 1969 are to be disposed of according to the New Land Grant Rules. Other vested lands in respect of which occupancy price has been paid are being disposed of according to law.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There are no supplementaries. Then next question No. 462.

## Appeals against enhancement of Compensation in Acquisition Cases of Mangalore Harbour

462. Sri P. V. AITHALA (Suratkal.)—

Will the Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of applications under Section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act decided by the II-Additional Civil Judge of Mangalore, South Kanara relating to the acquisition of land for the Mangalore Harbour Project in which enhancement of compensation has been ordered by the said Court in 1968 and 1969 up to the latest convenient date ;

(*b*) of the cases referred to in (*a*) above, in how many the State preferred appeals against the enhancement and the number of cases in which appeals were not preferred against the enhancement ;

(*c*) the number of appeals filed against the orders for the grant of enhanced compensation where the quantum of enhancement granted is less than (i) Rs. 1,000 and (ii) Rs. 500 ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that in every case in which the said Civil Court ordered enhancement of compensation under section 18, the Special Deputy Commissioner (Harbour and Railways), Mangalore has been recommending to the Government to prefer appeals irrespective of whether the amount of compensation enhanced is a few hundred Rupees ;

(*e*) whether it is the policy of the Government to prefer appeals against all cases of enhancement irrespective of the amount involved ?